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1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS, KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED
REFTEL, ARE BASED ON EMBASSY'S OBSERVATIONS ONLY:

A. UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES (UWI) WILL BE
UNDERTAKING A PILOT PROJECT HERE IN JANUARY, LINKING THE
THREE CAMPUSES (JAMAICA, TRINIDAD, BARBADOS) THROUGH
SATELLITE TELEVISION. USAID IS SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT.
IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT TRANSMISSION WILL BE AVAILABLE OFF
CAMPUS. WE HAVE HAD NO DIRECT INTEREST EXPRESSED BY
GOTT.

B. PETROLEUM: PETROCHEMICALS; STEEL; CONSTRUCTION.

C. THIS IS AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY.

D. NO FORMAL PROGRAMS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION
EXIST AT PRESENT.
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3. WE CAN THINK OF NO SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE AVOIDED.
WE BELIEVE CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID TALKING DOWN TO
LOCAL EXPERTS. TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE KEYED TO REQUIREMENTS
OF THIS COUNTRY.

F. THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF

PRIORITY AS EMBASSY SEES IT;

(1) HOUSING. THE PRIME MINISTER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A MAJOR NEW PROGRAM OF LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING, WITH TT\$200 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR FY-1978. GOTT IS CONSIDERING NEW FORMS OF MASS PRODUCED HOUSING, INCLUDING FACTORY-PRODUCED. WE CAN VISUALIZE GOOD SATELLITE PRESENTATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR LOW-COST HOUSING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE VIEWS OF FACTORY ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS, ON-SITE CONSTRUCTION, AND FINISHED HOUSING AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS BY EXPERTS. FROM EXPERIENCE WITH USIS PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA, WE KNOW LARGE AUDIENCE EXISTS, BOTH AMONG TECHNICIANS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM AT THIS END, AND IN PUBLIC AT LARGE IF PROGRAM CAN BE TELECAST THROUGH LOCAL TV SATATION.

(2) SMALL BUSINESS. GOTT HAS ADOPTED NEW PROGRAM TO PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS. MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS, SOURCES OF TECHNOLOGY SUITABLE FOR SMALL FIRMS, AND PRESENTATION OF OPERATIONS OF SMALL MANUFACTURING PLANTS COULD MAKE UP AN ATTRACTIVE PACKAGE. BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY OF UN EXPERTS IN THE FIELD, WE BELIEVE SMALL SCALE METAL WORKING INDUSTRIES WOULD BE THE IDEAL THEME AROUND WHICH TO BUILD A SATELLITE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

(3) POLLUTION CONTROLS. WITH A MAJOR NEW
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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, A PROGRAM ON NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT SHOULD HAVE GREAT APPEAL. A POOL OF EXPERTS FAMILIAR WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS EXISTS IN GOVERNMENT, UWI, AND IN THE OIL COMPANIES WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TOGETHER AT THIS END.

G. ROUGHLY MARCH-MAY OR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER.

H. NOT AVAILABLE.

I. CABINET APPROVAL WILL BE NECESSARY.

J. SATELITE GROUND STATION; ONE TELEVISION STATION, WITH STUDIO AND MOBILE EQUIPMENT. SECOND TELEVISION STATION UNDER STUDY, BUT DATE OF START-UP (IF ANY) CANNOT BE PREDICTED.

K. FUNDING OF FIRST DEMO UNLIKELY, THOUGH LOCAL TV STATION CAN PROBABLY ABSORB SOME COSTS, EXPECIALLY IF TRANSMITTED TO GENERAL PUBLIC.

L. YES.

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